Marketing of Spurious and Substandard Medicines

3794. SHRI GHAN SHYAM SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that around fifty per cent of medicines being sold in the market are either spurious, sub-standard or sub-therapeutic;

(b) if so what was the number of samples drawn during the last three years, yearwise upto 31st March, 1987 and how many were found spurious, sub-standard and sub-therapeutic;

(c) names of laboratories along with number of samples tested at each laboratory; and

(d) what is the number of drug firms prosecuted during last three years for manufacturing and marketing spurious, sub-standard and sub-therapeutic medicines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Under the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and the Rules the States Drugs Inspectors and Central Drugs Inspectors draw samples of drugs for testing by the Government Analysts at Central Drugs Laboratory, Calcutta/Central Indian Pharmacopoeia Laboratory, Ghaziabad and States Government Analysts. The available information regarding sub-standard drugs and number of prosecutions launched in respect of offences relating to sale of spurious and adulterated drugs for 3 years upto 1985-86 is given below:

Year	No. of Samples tested	No. of Samples found sub-standard	No. of prosecutions launched or the manufactures of spurious/adulterated drugs
1983-84	16768	2535	37
1984-85	18504	3532	48
1985-86	19035	2705	32

Justice Ranganatha Mishra's Judgement on the Drug Control

3795. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM:

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Justice Ranganatha Mishra of Supreme Court of India in a recent judgement has directed that Drug Control measures should be centralised;

(b) if so, what are the specific directions; and

(c) what action has been taken on each?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) Justice Ranganatha Mishra in a recent Supreme Court judgement has stated that there is an immediate need for a central enforcement machinery in the interest of community at large. They hope and expect that every State Government would co-operate with the Central Government in this regard and the Central Government would take a lead to establish such an authority which would have jurisdiction all over the country with a

view to regulating manufacture and punishing defaults and lapses. Licensing of manufacture should also be centralised so that uniformity can be maintained. These are matter of common concern and they hope that Central Government without loss of time, would take care to evolve a system which would effectively operate.

The Government has announced "Measures for Rationalisation, Quality Control and Growth of Drugs and Pharmaceutical Industry in India". The Government is taking necessary steps to implement these measures.

Selection of Teachers for Kendriya Vidyalaya, Moscow

3796. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards a news item captioned "मास्को में शिक्षकों की नियुक्ति के मामलों को अदालत में चुनौती" which appeared in the Mahanagar edition of 'Nav Bharat Times' dated 22nd July, 1987;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether any interview has been planned/arranged for the selection of different categories of staff for Kendriya Vidyalaya, Moscow; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan feels that the method followed by it for selection of teachers in fair and appropriate. The following criteria were laid down by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan for the selection of staff for Kendria Vidyalaya, Moscow:

(i) Seniority in the service of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan in the cadre;

(ii) Good record of service;

(iii) Atleast 8 years service in the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan in the grade; and

(iv) Atleast 3 years to retire.

The Selections were/are being made by the interviews through Committees. The Selection of the Principal and Post Graduate Teachers (English) has already been completed. For selection of Primary Teachers interview is being held on 20-8-1987, 21-8-1987 and 12-9-1987.

Pharmacists' Strike

3797. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

SHRI F. M. KHAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pharmacists of Delhi are on an indefinite strike since 15th June, 1987;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that after the implementation of the Fourth Pay Commission report there is a disparity in the pay scales of Central Government Pharamcists and Union Territory of Delhi Pharmacists;

(c) if so, what is the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to their demand for the restoration of parity in their pay scales and other demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes.

(b) to (d) The pay scales of Pharmacists under the Central Government and those working in Union